

REMARKS

After entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 5-14, and 20-31 remain pending in the present application with claims 1, 9, and 23 in independent form. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 9 have been amended. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled through the present Amendment. Claims 15-19 were previously cancelled. Claims 20-31 are new.

The following bullet points explain the amendments to the claims and provide support for the new claims:

- Independent claim 1 has been amended to claim that the powdered substrate is transported by being carried on a reel to reel web support, which was previously claimed in dependent claim 4.

- Claims 5 and 6 have been amended for dependency.

- Claim 9, which was indicated as allowable, has been amended into independent format and has further been amended to include the elements from independent claim 1.

- New claim 20 is substantively the same as cancelled claim 2, but depends from claim 9.

- New claims 21 and 22 are substantively the same to cancelled claims 3 and 4, respectively, but depend from claim 9.

- New claims 23 and 24 are substantively the same as currently amended claims 5 and 6, but also include language that specifies that the support is the reel to reel web support in the context of those claims. Further, these claims depend from claim 9.

- New claim 25 includes each of the elements of previously presented claim 7, which was indicated as allowable, along with the elements of claim 1 (prior to the current amendments) from which claim 7 depends.

- New claims 26 and 27 are substantively identical to cancelled claims 2 and 3, respectively, but depend from new claim 25.

- New claim 28 is substantively identical to cancelled claim 4, but depends from new claim 27.

- New claims 29 and 30 are substantively the same as currently amended claims 5 and 6, but also include language that specifies that the support is the reel to reel web support in the context of those claims. Further, these claims depend from new claim 25

- New claim 31 is substantively identical to previously presented claim 14, but depends from new claim 25.

As made clear from the above, no new matter is added through the amendments to the claims or through the addition of the new claims.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, as well as the new claims, all represent allowable subject matter. In particular, while independent claim 1 now incorporates the elements of and relating to the reel to reel web support from claim 4, and claim 4 was rejected in the last Office Action, the Applicants note that claim 4 was rejected due to the incorporation of the conveyor belt as one option for transporting the powdered substrate claimed in claim 4, and that the reel to reel web support did not factor in to the rejection of claim 4. Further, claims 5 and 6 were indicated as allowable, and claims 5 and 6 are related in that they

are both directed to use of the reel to reel web support for transporting the powdered substrate. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, is in condition for allowance. Further, independent claims 9 and 23 both incorporate subject matter that was indicated as allowable such that claims 9 and 23, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims currently pending are in condition for allowance, which allowance is requested.

As for the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over copending U.S. Application No. 10/381,690, the Applicants note that this is only a provisional rejection. The Applicants respectfully request that this provisional rejection be held in abeyance until a Notice of Allowance is mailed or until the '690 application issues as a patent.

The proper fee for a two-month extension of time is included herewith. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Office Action, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard.

Respectfully submitted,

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